**Minutes of the MWI Business Meeting**

September 19, 2020 MWI Meeting

In attendance via Zoom: Blair, Chair; Rachel, Treasurer; Sue, Recording Secretary; Bob K, Newton Noon Friday; Jack, Brookline Men’s Monday; Ellen C., Sunday Night Brookline; Steve M, Guest; Damien, Monday evening Cambridge Writing/Meditation; Susan G, Wednesday Hudson; Ronda, Sunday Framingham; Nate, Vice-Chair, Jen B, Guest.

Blair opened the meeting at 9:05 am with the Serenity Prayer, an introduction of those present, a statement of the purpose of our meeting, and its etiquette. Steve M read the 12 Steps, Bob K read the 12 Traditions, Rachel read the Concept of the Month, and Sue read MWI’s Strategic Goals 2020.

Bob K and Susan G volunteered to review the Minutes.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Rachel said contributions have dropped back down to pre-Covid levels. We now have a working balance of $8,725. Much discussion of what to do with the excess funds. Susan G moved to send $3000 this month to WSO and R6 Convention gift baskets, and to find out how much money Nancy would like to spend on the web site. Discussion on the motion considered how much Nancy might need. Nate made a friendly amendment to earmark some funds for the Young People’s Committee. Motion passed 9–0. Later in the meeting a motion was passed to allocate $250 of the $3000 to purchase gift cards for R6 Convention gift baskets, with the remaining $2750 to WSO. Nate and Rachel will consult on how much the Young People’s Committee might need, for next month.

**Old and/or Ongoing Business**

1. Social Media update: Nancy G-P. Not present.
2. Updates on the action items for our Strategic Goals:

* Diversity: Groups and IGs: how do they support diversity - Lisa Dee not present.
  + She will be attending R6 Assembly, will ask what other IGs are doing
  + Her goal is to bring something back to MWI in October
* Visiting our groups (via Zoom): to raise awareness of IG’s value and get them to send a rep Sue & Nancy, Blair, Michael. No updates.
* Opportunity for service:
* Leader(s) needed to lead a 15-week step study.
* Need for Social Media Coordinator (on agenda; not discussed at meeting per se)

1. Meetings: sharing the Zoom host key with meetings

* There are two new meetings:
* Monday 7pm Spaulding Cambridge Writing/Meditation Mtg, #57012. They need their own Zoom account as the meeting time conflicts with the OA Men’s meeting that uses the MWI Zoom account.
* Monday 8:30pm Zoom Mtg, Big Book and qualification (how to parent as a member of OA), #89106. They are using the MWI Zoom account.
* ‘Where Do I Start?’ pamphlet distribution to MWI meeting attendees – Mark

Mark was not present but needs more pamphlets. Rachel will send him some.

**New Business:**

1. New bylaw amendment proposal: add Website Coordinator to MWI Board - Blair. Discussion about the amendment, which listed three different responsibilities for the position. Further discussion of the third proposed responsibility, for someone to step in as the Corresponding Secretary when needed, led to that clause being removed from the motion as the issue is already addressed in the by-laws. The amended motion will be voted on next month.
2. Two WSBC 2021 motions presented by Steve M. They were previously approved by MWI for WSBC 2020. One motion to limit terms of Trustees made by Steve, seconded by Susan G. Passed 9-0. Next motion to limit how frequently the definition of abstinence can be changed, so it can only be changed in years ending in zero. Motion made and seconded by Susan G. Discussion about allowing changes at 5 years. Ellen hesitant about putting limits on how often things can be changed. A vote today just means that our IG supports bringing the amendment to the WSBC agenda in 2021. Motion passed 8-1.
3. Gift cards: $500 worth will be purchased by Rachel. $250 was already included in the 2020 budget, and the previous motion noted aboved approved the other $250. Ad hoc committee will discuss how to spend it, composed of Rachel, Blair, and Susan G.
4. Speaker bank: Jen. MBI has asked us to join resources on a speaker bank. Michael P provided comments via email. Jen would like to allow all speakers to be on the list, whether they designate themselves as “90-Day”, BBSS, HOW, etc. She gets about 10 requests a year. Jen is happy to stay involved in maintaining the list, or to turn it over to someone else. Susan questioned whose list it would be if we joined resources, and who will maintain it. Jen replied that regardless of who serves as coordinator, we should say we are open to it and these are things that are important to us, such as including different types of speakers. Susan moved that we set up a committee to consider a joint speaker bank. Passed 6-1 with one abstention. Susan, Jen B, Jack G, and possibly Michael P will serve on this ad hoc committee.

**Upcoming MWI events:**

Sunday MWI Workshops [unless otherwise noted, Zoom meeting id is 705 658 2426, pwd 402152]

* 9/20/2020: Talking to Family About OA [host: Serena]
* 9/27/2020: Be Selfish, Do Service [host: Michael P]
* 10/4/2020: Gratitude During Pandemic: Using OA’s Tools [host: Ruth F]
* 10/11/2020: Means of Motivation: Practicing Self-Love on the Road to Recovery [host: Daisy]

**MWI Retreat 2021: June 4-6, 2021 La Salette, Attleboro, MA**

**Region 6 Virtual Convention: Oct 23-25, 2020**

The convention is virtual this year, with lots of good speakers and chances to share. For more info and to register, go to <https://oaregion6.org/2020/>.

**Summary of Announcements for IG Reps**

* Service opportunities: leader for 15-week step study.
* Region 6 convention and service opportunities
* Workshops and retreats as shown above

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 am with Rozanne’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Sue Mascioli, Recording Secretary